

# Fresh President 'kidnapped'; Attempt on Bisaccio frustrated

By Paul Johnston

Bill Rastetter, President of the Freshman Class, was kidnapped by sophomores Tuesday night in the first public exhibition of the annual Freshman-Sophomore rivalry which culminates in Field Day, November fourth.

Rastetter was walking along Bay State Road near his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, when he was jumped by "from four to six" persons, presumably sophomores. The time was a little after 11:30 pm. A wrestling match ensued, in which the sophomores forced Rastetter around the corner and into a car. He was handcuffed, and a bag was placed over his head.

The sophomores took Rastetter

on a "long ride," but ended up, he thought, "not far from home."

He was photographed, taken into a house, and then put back in a car. His handcuffs were replaced with adhesive tape. He was then released from the car, still blindfolded, in Back Street, behind his fraternity.

Joe Bisaccio, President of the Sophomore Class, stated that another plan, to detain Rastetter, which would have taken place earlier in the day, had not materialized. This plan was to prevent the Freshman President from reaching a meeting of the Freshman Council. Such a maneuver, Bisaccio said, would have produced "a significant de-

lay in freshman class organization" for Field Day.

## Attempt fails

Bisaccio noted that he had been notified that Rastetter had reached the meeting, and the detainment attempt had not taken place. After the meeting, Rastetter was trailed in the hope that he would lead the sophomores to the Freshman Field Day Chairman. It was at this time that Rastetter was attacked by sophomores.

Bisaccio observed that he had known nothing about the actual kidnapping until the kidnappers called him, and asked what to do with the captive freshman. Still hoping that Rastetter might lead the shadowers to the Field Day Chairman, Bisaccio ordered the Freshman President's release.

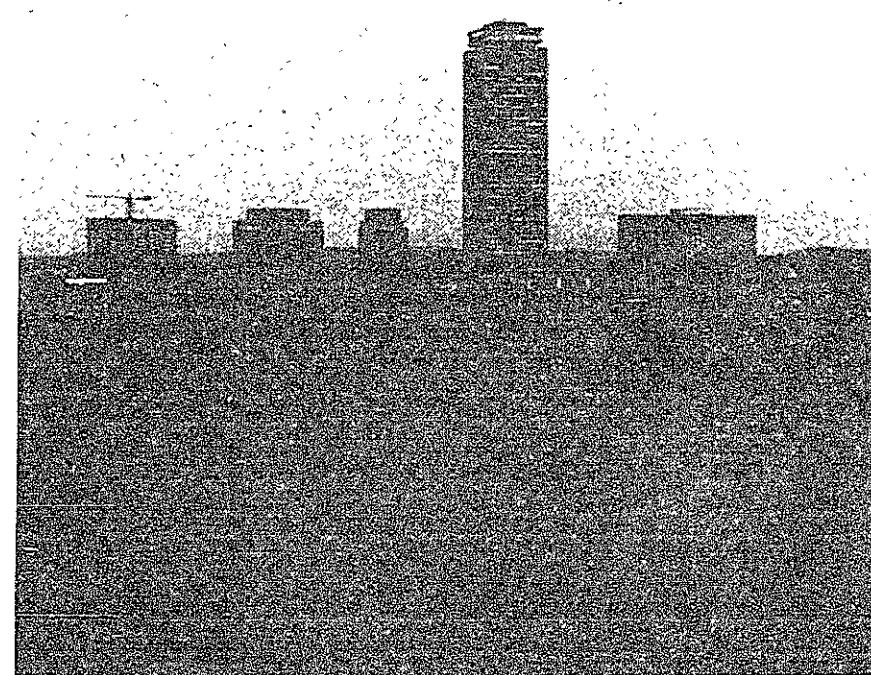
## Attempt on Bisaccio

Bisaccio was also the intended victim of another kidnapping plot on the same evening. A group of 15-20 freshmen, more or less evenly divided from Baker and Burton Houses, assembled near Bisaccio's room in Baker. Little came of the incident, however, because Baker's Judgecomm forced the Burton freshmen to leave, and a large number of Baker sophomores had assembled to protect their president.

## No kidnapping

A second attempt to kidnap Rastetter took place Wednesday night, but it was thwarted by members of Beaver Key and Judicial Committee. Herb Finger '68, Beaver Key's Field Day Chairman, stated that after a telephone conversation with Bill Mack '68, Institute Judicial Committee Chairman, it had been decided that an old rule forbidding kidnapping of members of the other class would be enforced.

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## Legal, practical difficulties impede traffic flow solution

By Mark Bolotin

Although hopes for a pedestrian bridge at 77 Massachusetts Avenue are mired in legislative snares, the Planning Office is seeking solutions to the problem of pedestrian traffic all around MIT.

According to Planning Officer Robert Simha, the roadblocks set up by the "home rule" bill should delay the bridge for "at least another year." This bill, which was passed by the state legislature last year, confused the issue of whether state or local governments had jurisdiction over

such projects. Consequently, any action toward the bridge has had to await passage of a new bill to uncloud the issue.

## Other intersections

Although the administration has committed itself to solving the problem at 77 Mass. Ave., the intersections at Memorial Drive, Albany Street, and Vassar Street remain serious problems. The Vassar Street intersection is currently considered one of the most dangerous in Cambridge.

These intersections are the focal point of a study by the Planning Office, under the guidance of Professor Emeritus Alexander J. Bone '24, Department of Civil Engineering. Prof. Bone is examining possibility of multi-phased synchronized traffic lights on Mass. Ave. as a solution for the difficulties near MIT which are much like those downtown in a large city.

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The contests for Field Day were incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition of The Tech. The contest described as the Great Pumpkin Pie-Eating Contest is instead the Great Pumpkin Pie-Baking Contest. Omitted from the story was the fact that Field Day is sponsored by Beaver Key, under the guidance of Herb Finger '68.

## Levinson appointed Course XVIII head

Prof. Norman Levinson '33 has been appointed to succeed Prof. William Ted Martin as the head of the Department of Mathematics at the close of the present academic year. Prof. Levinson has been a member of the department for thirty years and is presently on a sabbatical leave to concentrate on research.

He was born in Lynn and received the SB degree from MIT

in 1933, the SM degree in 1934 and the ScD in 1935. He became assistant professor in 1939 and professor in 1944.

Prof. Levinson is vice president of the American Mathematical Society, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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## Viewpoint speaker

## Hagen discusses urban poor

By Pat Szymanski

Prof. Everett E. Hagen, Departments of Economics and Political Science, was Tuesday's Viewpoint guest as he spoke before 40 people in the East Lounge of the Student Center on the causes of urban unrest. Viewpoint is a series of luncheon discussions that allow members of the faculty to express their ideas on subjects of current interest.

Prof. Hagen noted that "one sociological reason for the recent unrest in our cities is the fact that oppressed people don't rebel until there is some improvement in their condition." This has been the case in the past few years as evidenced by the growing strength of civil rights and open housing movements.

### Moynihan hypothesis

The Professor linked these violent reactions of the adult to patterns established during child-

hood. For this reason he places great importance on the Moynihan hypothesis which characterizes our present problems as a result of the Negro's poor family life. Said the professor, "They have never learned respect for authority since they have never had one father long enough to teach them."

According to Prof. Hagen this sort of childhood produces an adult who is suspicious of society. "Even if they were treated well as adults," said the professor, "they would still feel abused by society. They would look for something in reality that coincides with their own psychological disposition, and the American Negro does not have far to look to find himself abused."

### White reaction

Prof. Hagen pictured the white reaction to the rioting as a product of two things. The first is that

"violence is as American as apple pie," and the second is a feeling of insecurity among American adults that is a product of their

upbringing. He said that it is "the exceptional child who, today, is being brought up like his

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Photo by Dale Stone

Prof. Everett Hagen addresses a Viewpoint crowd Tuesday in the East Lounge of the Student Center on the causes of racial unrest in American cities.



Photo by Dave Pack

Dr. Aaron M. Altschul spoke Monday morning at the International Conference on Single-Cell Protein.

# Hagen notes urban fallacies

(Continued from Page 1) parents, very few children are being trained for the life they will lead. These adults begin to look for some force outside them with which to match their feeling of being attacked. McCarthyism is one example of what might be called a 'manufactured evil force' that was found to match this inner fear."

Compares to Vietnam  
In finishing, Prof. Hagen noted that one of the saving features was that once people see this

imagined force concretely, they regard it more sensibly. He can public that the North Vietnamese are really people and not with the Vietnam War as a real "yellow horde."

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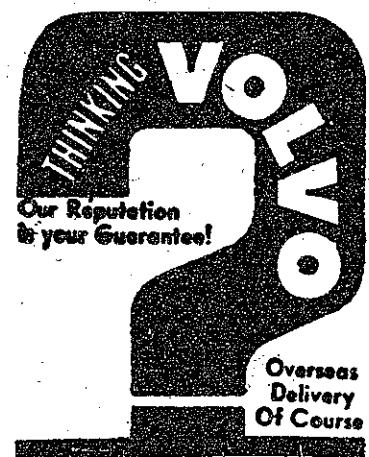
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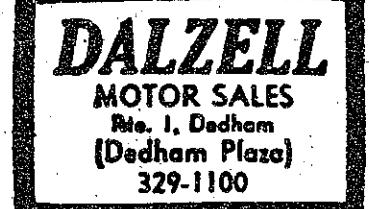
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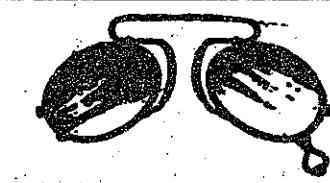
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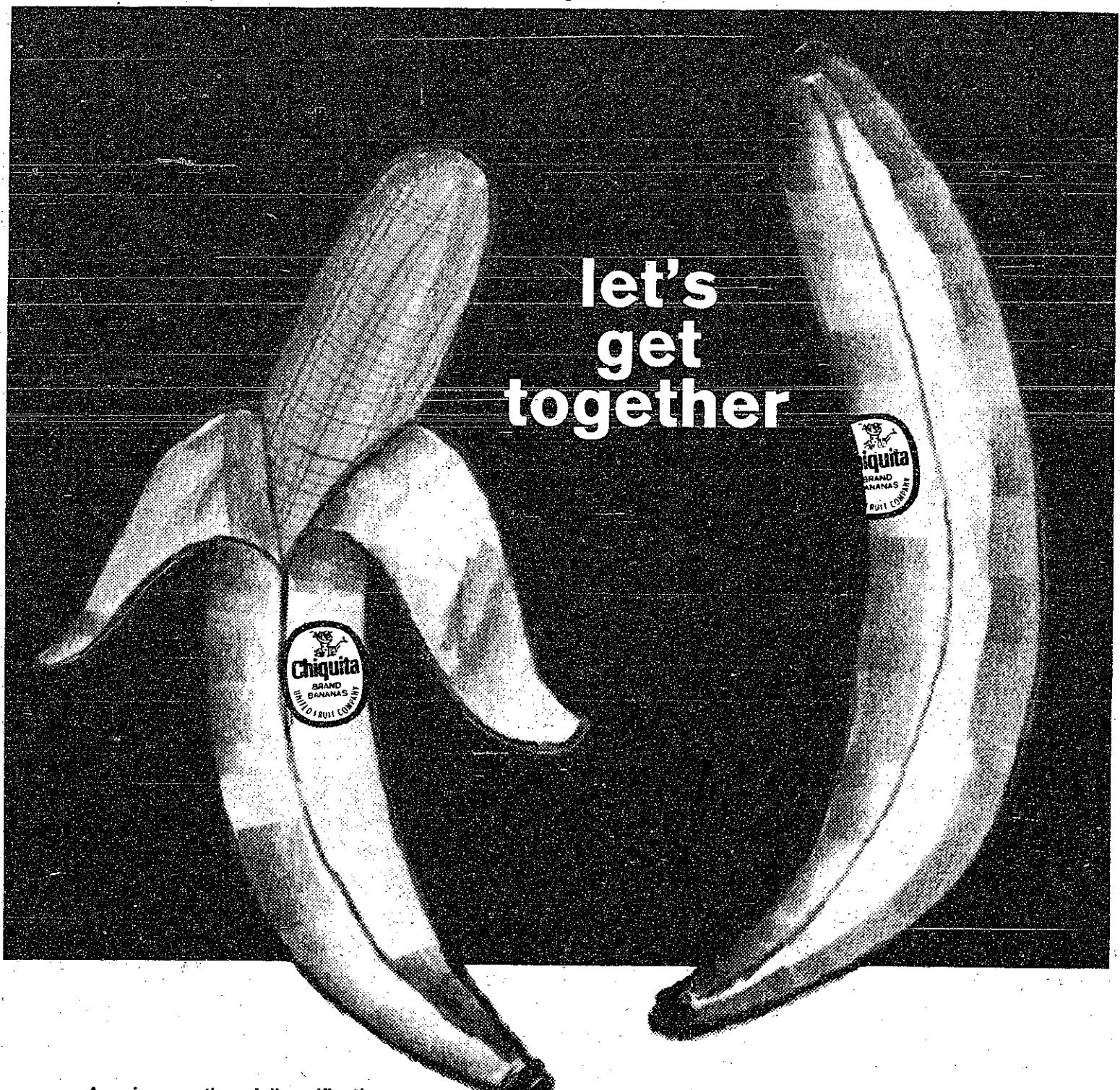
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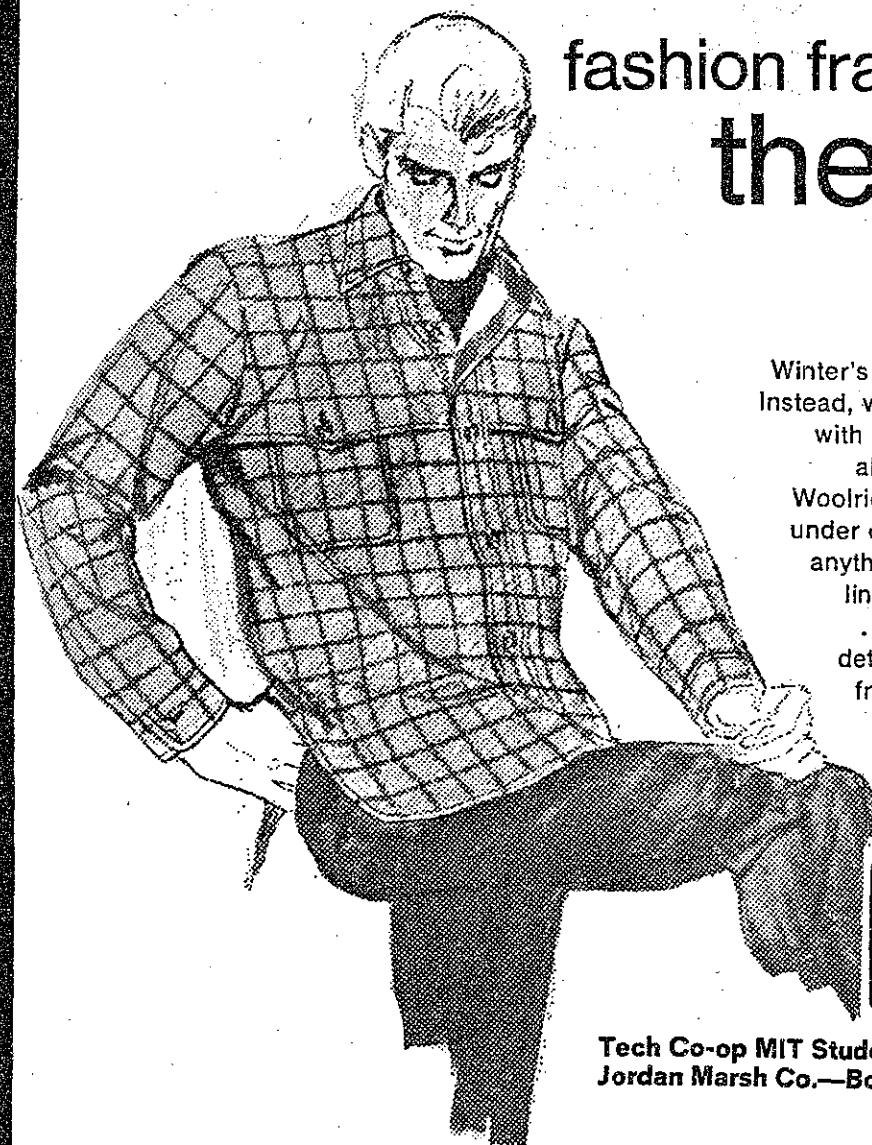


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Gordon Logan '68 was elected Spring Weekend Committee chairman at Sunday's Incomm meeting. Elections for the remaining posts on the committee, as well as positions on the Parents' Weekend Committee, will be held by Incomm in the near future. Interested students are advised to watch for notice of these elections. William Speer, Dean of Student Counseling, spoke briefly at Sunday's meeting.

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The Catalogue states that "the Laboratory Subjects are planned to give each student, at an early stage of his educational experience at MIT, an opportunity to work on one or a few experimental problems, exercising the same type of initiative and resourcefulness as a professional man would in similar circum-

stances." But when increasingly there are students who enter MIT with Management, Economics, Humanities, or Political Science specifically in mind, it seems unnecessary that the Institute require "a major commitment of the student's attention to one or a few experimental problems" (from the Catalogue).

It would suit the purpose of developing initiative and resourcefulness just as well to have the laboratory requirement a departmental one. In this way, majors where a laboratory project is just plain unnecessary could eliminate them. But, more constructively, the various courses could establish required subjects of a project type so that students would gain the benefits of the experimental environment in the setting of his own major. This would probably serve the stated purpose of the lab requirement even better.

## Advice for Underclassmen

Bill Rastetter had been freshman class president not much more than 48 hours when he found himself embroiled in some strenuous inter-class rivalry. The kind of shenanigans exemplified by the kidnapping can not be condoned. What amounted to no more than a fair degree of unnecessary and mindless discomfort for the freshman president could have resulted in a tragedy as he was left standing blindfolded on a roadway that does carry traffic. We remind both

classes that MIT history has been blemished by more than one tragedy begun in "good fun."

The stunt invites more dangerous reciprocation. It will have no effect whatsoever on the outcome of Field Day, still five weeks away. It was an unauthorized and childish action. In the interests of both classes, and in the hope that more intelligent competition will follow in the future, we offer two words of advice for the classes of '70 and '71: Cool it.

## Coeds give reasons for living out

By Karen Wattel

*(Ed. note: This is the second part of an article on the six MIT coeds who are living off-campus under a trial provision allowing senior girls to leave campus housing.)*

Some of the coeds living off-campus see living in their own apartments as part of the growing-up process. "We are constantly confronted with the idea of developing our minds. In a couple of years we'll be out in the 'real world' and we'll get it then. It's better to learn now." McCormick Hall was fun for a while, but in the process of getting older, one needs more freedom."

### Privacy important

Besides the freedom, one of the main motivations for moving off-campus was privacy. The number of people always around, wandering in and out of one's room, and having to eat every meal with 100 others in a noisy dining room were major factors of discontent with McCormick Hall.

Another contention was that there was little feeling of ownership in the McCormick rooms. Westgate was seen as an improvement, but still lacking in comparison to the girls' present apartments.

### Have to be sensible

Most of the girls seem at ease in the Cambridge area. Three of

them who live together have a to find that so few did. The bus to their door and find the problems include the difficulty area "not really dangerous." One said, "It is at the edge of a slum, but, personally, I don't mind. You just can't take a leisurely walk at midnight; you just have to be sensible." Their

building is occupied mainly by students, although they are the which is on an experimental basis, only girls. Another commented that there is not that much to be scared about, but it does take a while to get used to the remarks.

Two more of the coeds share a house with a third girl in an average-income area of brownstones, with lots of kids who play ball in the streets. The sixth shares an apartment with another girl in a "friendly slum."

All are happy with their accommodations, their privacy, their monetary savings, their locations, and their freedom. It's "just so nice."

### More movers expected

How have others reacted to the off-campus living arrangements? Deans Emily Wick and Kenneth Wadleigh noted that last year, when arguments in favor of the program were being presented by the girls, they expected a larger number to move out. However, Dean Wadleigh added, in view of the problems in moving off campus, that he is not so surprised

## Looking Back

by Barry Mitnick

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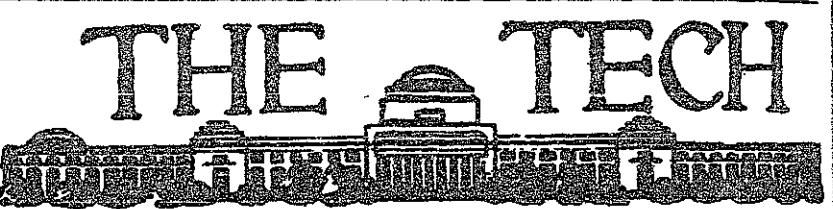
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## Letters to the Tech

### Question of size

To the Editor:

Your article on the naming of the Ford Building (Oct. 10) raises a question. If the Ford Building is the second largest building in the Institute, which is the largest?

Jerry Wolf, G

(Ed. note: According to Public Relations Director Francis Wylie, that honor goes to the Bush (Material Science) Building.)

### EC error

To the Editor:

The cartoon editorial in your October 3rd issue is either completely incorrect or one year too late. East Campus has only two doubles, both of which are supposed to be doubles. The fact of the matter is there are no doubles in E.C. created by the Institute housing shortage. It was last year that E.C. freshmen were doubled up in singles. Maybe the Tech should start practicing the cardinal principle of journalism of researching a subject before sounding off.

Don George

(Ed. note: The cartoon was meant as a commentary on the over-crowding which exists generally in Institute Housing, not East Campus in particular. We regret the error.)



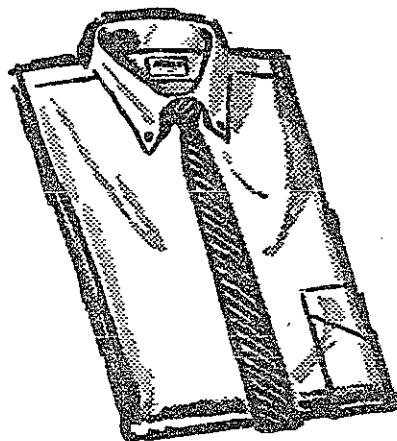
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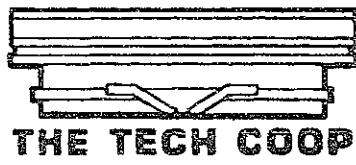
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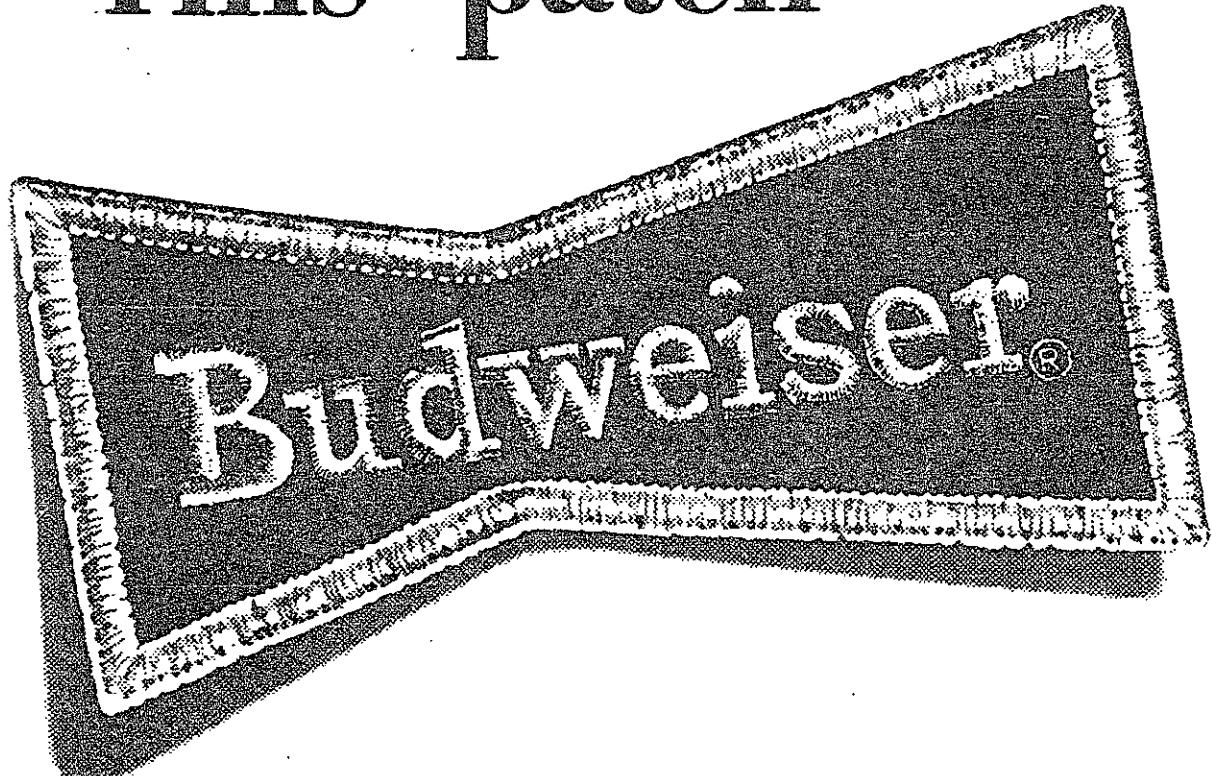
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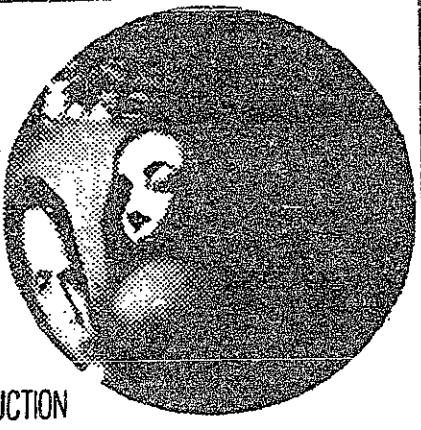
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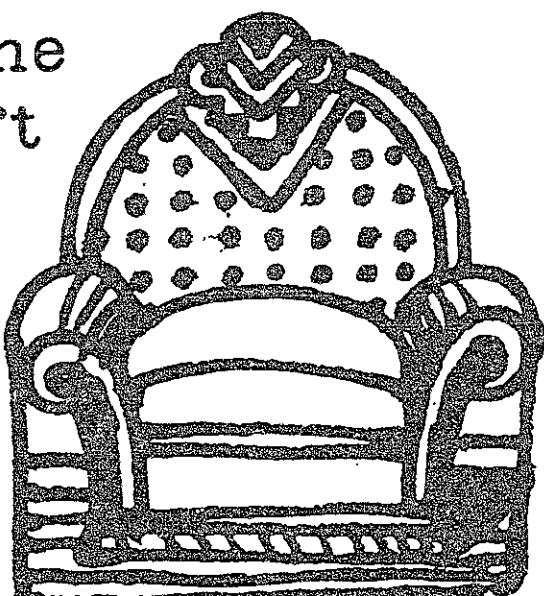
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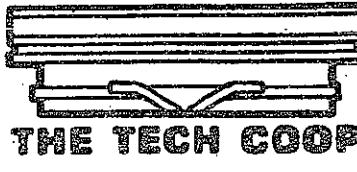
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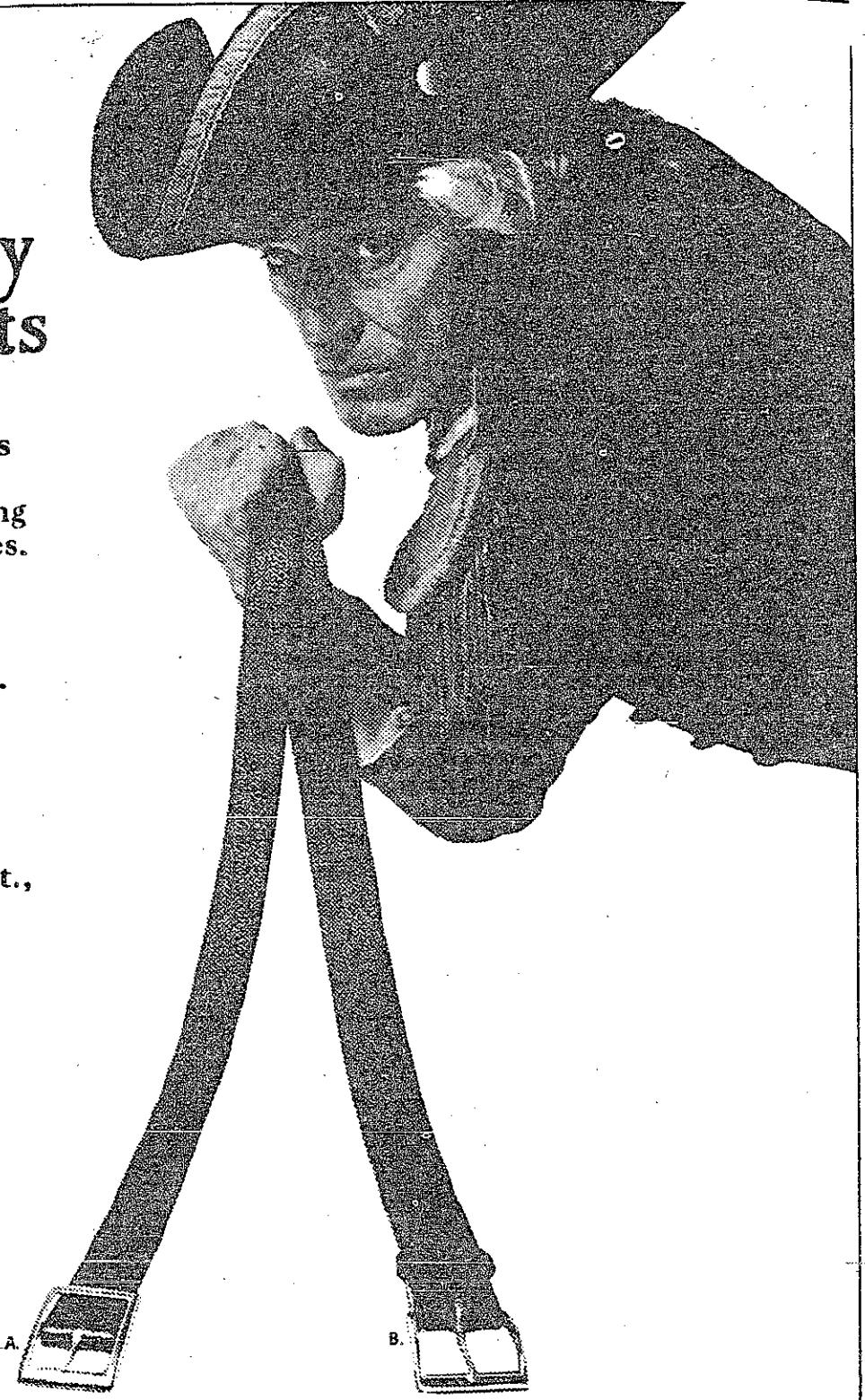
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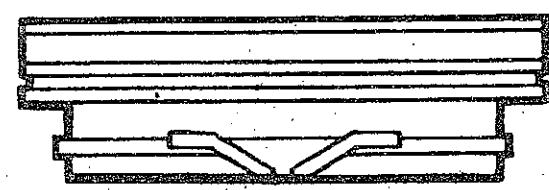
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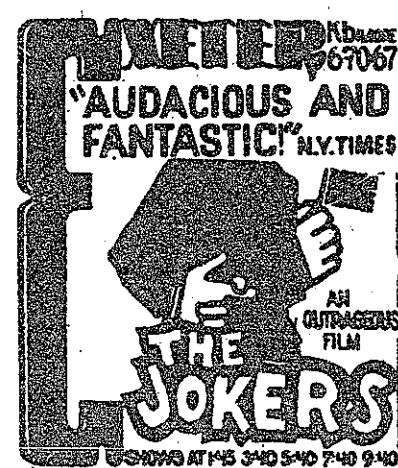
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# Kickers fall to Crimson

By Ron Cline

The Engineers bowed to another top-notch team Wednesday as Harvard defeated the varsity soccer team 4-0. To the casual observer, the game looked like a mild repeat performance of Trinity's 6-0 clash last Saturday.

The Beaver offense was virtually unable to penetrate the tight Crimson line, drawing a blank for the entire game. Speed was the by-word, as the Harvard kickers continually broke up the Beaver plays.

32 shots

On defense the engineers again had the problem of being outmaneuvered. The fast and precise play of the Harvard team enabled them to hammer at the Beaver goal, compiling a total of 32 shots during the course of the game. Excellent play by goalie Jeff Reynolds '69 kept the final score from being even more lopsided than it was.

Harvard scored three of its goals in the first half, with one tallied in the first quarter and two in the second. After letting another ball slip through in the third quarter, the Beaver defense tightened up and froze the score for the rest of the game.

Improvement

The Tech team played a good, hard game, and a definite improvement over last Saturday's game should be noted. This is them. Tech was the loser last even more apparent when one year at 1-4, but tomorrow is an-



Photo by Mike Venturino

Larry Kelly '70 dribbles the ball around a Harvard defenseman in Wednesday's game.

realizes that Harvard could probably outplay Trinity, which seemed formidable enough one game ago.

But the Beaver kickers, themselves, are probably past trying to decide whether 4-0 or 6-0 is a better game. The first league game with Tufts is only a week away, preceded only by a contest with Middlebury tomorrow.

Middlebury has come up on top over the seasons past, Tech having a 3-4-2 series record against them. Tech was the loser last even more apparent when one year at 1-4, but tomorrow is an-

other year and a new game. With a losing season (2-3) in its hands for the first time, the Tech eleven must now put to use the talent it has exhibited before and come back up to the winning season it deserves.

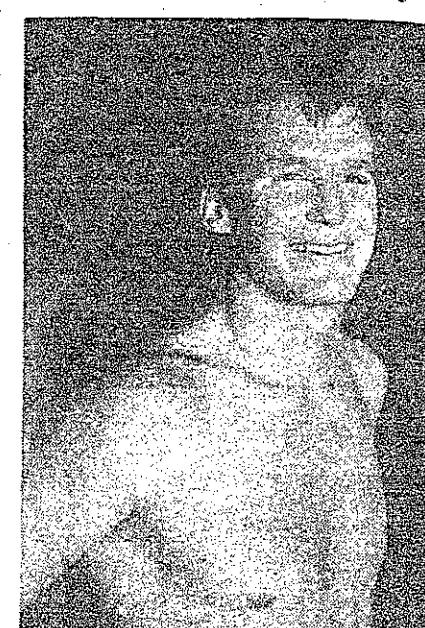
One of the new additions to the Tech coaching staff is the assistant swimming coach. He is a young man named Steve Clark. Those of you who follow the sport of swimming in any way will recognize him as being the three-time Olympic gold medal winner from the 1964 games.

Steve is currently working with both the freshman and varsity teams. He is working with the various team members on their strokes and turns primarily. However, he feels that his primary function as a coach will be that of providing enthusiasm for the

team. He hopes to show that being a good swimmer doesn't take anything but hard work and desire.

The record

For those who are unfamiliar with Steve's record, it is quite impressive. His most impressive year was 1964, when he won gold medals in the 800 yard freestyle



## How They Did

### Soccer

Harvard 4, MIT (V) 0

MIT (F) 2, Lexington HS 1

### Baseball

MIT (V) 9, Boston State 3

## Skaters edge Elks, 4-3; Pecknold scores two goals

By Scott Rhodes

Tech skaters edged the Elks Club by a score of 4-3 Monday night in the fall Senior "B" league at Melrose. The win puts MIT ahead for the season with two wins and one loss.

The engineers scored the first goal and never trailed in the tight contest. Wayne Pecknold opened the scoring in the first period when he carried the puck behind the Elks' goal and wrapped it around the left post into the net. The Elks evened it up several minutes later when a shot from about twenty feet out slipped under junior goalie Bruce Leslie's pads. Tech went ahead to stay late in the period when Dennis McLoughlin drilled the puck from the blue line about a foot off the ice into the right-hand side of the net.

The Elks are a fast skating club, but the rugged MIT defense slowed them down considerably in the second period. As an Elk tried to slip around the defensive pair, Pecknold dumped him into the boards with a solid hip check. The referee, however, ruled that even though he was skating backwards, Pecknold had taken three steps towards the man and was thus guilty of a two-minute charging penalty. McLoughlin left no room for doubt when he got his chance a little later as he left his man sprawled

on the ice with a clean, solid check.

Pecknold scored again on a shot from in front of the net and John Drobak '69 passed to Don Bossack '67 who was free in front of the net and flipped it by the goalie to give Tech a 4-1 lead. In the third period the Elks scored two goals, and in desperation, pulled their goalie for an extra man, but hard skating by the entire MIT team and a fine performance by goalie Bruce Leslie preserved the win.

**World record holder**

However, in addition to these achievements, there is one other thing Clark can claim for himself. Despite the fact that he gave up competitive swimming several years ago, he still rates the title of the fastest swimmer in the world. His two world records in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events still stand as 20.9 and 45.6 seconds respectively. Only the 100 yard time has been tied.

Last year's varsity swimmers went on the books as the best in MIT history. It may be prophetic that a swimmer such as Steve Clark is here this year to help usher in the new era in Tech swimming.

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## fresh sports

## Bootters top Lexington

Tech's freshman kickers bounced back from their 5-1 drubbing at Coast Guard and Wesleyan at the hands of Trinity to edge Lexington High School, 2-1 in a scrimmage Monday. The victory gave the kickers hope for a winning season, one of the few in MIT history.

Despite the low score of the game, the soccer team completely outclassed the Lexington squad. After Scott Holden booted in the first goal, there was really no doubt about the outcome, despite the final score. Gerry Mascowicz scored the winning goal for the engineers, as he played his usual fine game.

### Squad gels

The Tech squad appears to have gelled after the sloppy play evident in their first encounter. Monday's game was a team effort, with everyone who played contributing. Goalie Aaron Tovich was again a standout, making several difficult saves in the nets.

The frosh teams move into high gear this weekend, with all three teams seeing action in as many sports. The kickers will attempt to improve their 1-1 record against the Harvard frosh on Briggs Field at 2 pm Saturday.

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Photo by George Flynn

Jim Reid '68 crosses the plate for the engineers in their 9-3 victory over an outclassed Boston State team.

As usual, the pitching of MIT's ended in the eighth but Bruce managed to get out of trouble having yielded only one run.

Season record 4-1

Victory in the final game gave the team a fall record of 4-1. Coach Barry expressed satisfaction with the outcome of its exhibition season, and optimism about prospects for the spring. Since the fall season began a few weeks ago, the team has proven that it will be a real threat by spring.

The young pitching staff has looked excellent and hitting has been constantly improving. If the fall season is any indication, the engineer nine will be a team to be contended with when the real season rolls around.

The first varsity basketball practice of the year will be held at 5 pm Monday. No experience is necessary, and all interested players are invited to attend.

There is an opening for an assistant freshman basketball coach, who will preferably but not necessarily have some experience. Anyone interested should call Coach Singal at 326-8471 after 7 pm.